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**PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Walsh et al. Confirmation No.: 7095  
Appl. No.: 09/689,430 Group Art Unit: 1632  
Filed: October 12, 2000 Examiner: Q. Li  
For: ADENO-ASSOCIATED VIRUS VECTORS ENCODING  
FACTOR VIII AND METHODS OF USING THE SAME

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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 11, 2002, and the telephone interview with the Examiner on March 7, 2003, Applicants respectfully request reexamination and reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 78 and 89 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Please amend claims 1, 9, 12, 18, 58-65, 68, 73-77, 79-80, and 82 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) A recombinant adeno-associated virus (rAAV) vector comprising a heterologous nucleotide sequence encoding B-domain deleted factor VIII operably linked with at least one enhancer and an AAV ITR, wherein the only promoter driving expression of said B-domain deleted factor VIII is the AAV ITR.